James, USAF, Commander, 14th Air Force, Air Force Space Command, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Department of Defense; Nicholas Johnson, Chief Scientist, Orbital Debris, NASA; and public witnesses.

### HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on High Priority Project Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blumenauer, Heller, Larsen of Washington, Posey, DeGette, McKeon, Brown of South Carolina, Boozman, Edwards of Maryland, Dent, Carney, Davis of Kentucky, Driehaus, Foster, Melancon, Hare, Napolitano and Schrader.

# FEDERAL RECOVERY COORDINATION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Leaving No One Behind: Is the Federal Recovery Coordination Program Working? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Karen Guice, M.D., Executive Director, Federal Recovery Coordination Program; and Madhulika Agarwal, M.D., Chief Officer, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration; and representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

### SSA RECOVERY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held an oversight hearing on the Social Security Administration's provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Mary Glenn-Croft, Deputy Commissioner, Budget, Finance and Management; and Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General; Rob Hewell, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Valerie Melvin, Director of Information Management and Human Capital Issues, GAO; and Sylvester J. Schieber, Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board.

# BRIEFING—FUNDING INTELLIGENCE PRIORITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Funding Intelligence Priorities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

# Joint Meetings

## **BUDGET RESOLUTION**

On Monday, April 27, 2009 Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between

the Senate and House passed versions of S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

### **GENDER PAY GAP**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new evidence on the persistence of the gender pay gap, after receiving testimony from Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Randy Albelda, University of Massachusetts Boston Center for Social Policy; and Lisa M. Maatz, American Association of University Women, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Hudson Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of Wounded Warrior policies and programs, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Finance: to hold a closed meeting to examine transforming the health care delivery system, focusing on proposals to improve patient care and reduce health care costs, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Luis C. de Baca, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, both of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Russlynn Ali, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Carmel Martin, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, Peter Cunningham, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, and Gabriella Cecilia Gomez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, all of the Department of Education, Brian Kennedy, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, both of the Department of Labor, and Thomasina Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the swine flu epidemic, focusing on the public health and medical response, 3 p.m., SD–430.